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| In re Application of: CLIFFORD et al. |) |
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| Serial No.: 10/004,936 |) |
| |) Examiner: D. Hwu |
| Filed: December 5, 2001 |) |
| |) Attorney Docket: 15605 |
| For: VOLTAGE BLOCK AND COLOR |) |
| CHANGE APPARATUS FOR |) |

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Paper No. 7, dated July 2, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Species 5, Fig. 19, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 16-20 are readable on Species 5.

The Examiner required restriction among five species identified in Figs. 2, 3, 4, 11 and 19. The Examiner stated that no claims appear to be generic.

Claims 1 and 9 are generic to the five species of paint filling station identified by the Examiner. In addition, Claims 10-15 do not positively recite the paint filling station and the paint applicator defined thereby could be used with any one of the paint filling station species identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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